



# Learn Less, Parse More

Using Grammars to Post-Process Generated Text

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Large language models will **never be fully reliable.**

Parse text into **well-defined values**,  
post-process to **increase correctness**.

Parse **standard** grammars

Post-process for **reliability**

Craft **domain-specific** grammars

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Optimize grammars for **LLM cooperation**

Support **multiple languages** with post-processing

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- 2 eggs
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- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 bananas
- 1 box Nilla Vanilla wafers

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## How To Make The BEST Baked Oatmeal

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If you haven't yet tried Baked Oatmeal, you are missing out on one of the best baked oatmeal recipe that gets two thumbs up.

Lightly spiced with cinnamon and full of sweet goodness, this baked oatmeal is better than your average bowl of oatmeal. Baked oatmeal is a little like a special treat—a treat that just so happens to be healthy.

I'm showing you today how to make the BEST baked oatmeal recipe. This is my family's all-time favorite oatmeal recipe and we've made it for the years that I've lost count.

IT TAKES TWO TO TALKS MADE TO BE ENJOYED

DEAR BOTOX, I NEED SOMETHING TO  
CONSIDER YOURSELF SINGLE.

## Best Homemade Baked Oatmeal

BY ALEJANDRO



JUMP TO RECIPE



## Grandma's Recipes

Here's what's cookin' 1-2-3-4 Cake Serves \_\_\_\_\_  
Recipe from the kitchen of \_\_\_\_\_  
1 C butter or shortening, 2 C sugar, 3 C flour 3Tbsp  
4 eggs, 1 C milk, 1Tsp vanilla <sup>1 baking powder</sup>  
Cream shortening & sugar add sifted  
dry ingredients alternately with milk  
Bake in layers 380°-400°  
20-45 minutes.  
1 min frosting

# Paprika Recipe Manager



## Banana Pudding

★★★★★

American Home Cooking, Dessert, Fruit, Marie, Relaxed Wednesday, Vegetarian

[wlesscooks.rice.edu](http://wlesscooks.rice.edu)

### Ingredients

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**1/3** cup flour

**2/3** cup sugar

**1/4** teaspoon salt

**2** eggs

**2** cups milk

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**1** teaspoon vanilla extract

**2** bananas

**1** box Nilla Vanilla wafers

### Directions

Mix flour, sugar, and salt in a 3-quart saucepan.

Break the eggs separately into the measuring cup to make sure you don't have a bad egg. Break one egg into the cup; if you don't notice a bad smell or unusual colors (free range eggs sometimes have a bit of blood in them, something to do with the rooster's fertilization or beginning of a chick or something), dump the egg into the dry ingredients and break the other egg the same way. In 30+ years of cooking, I've only come across 3 or 4 bad eggs. Still, if you break a bad egg into your other ingredients, you have to throw everything away and start all over so better to be safe than sorry.

Add milk, little by little, making first a paste, then a thin liquid. Turn on the heat under the pot and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thickened. Small lumps will form as you are cooking it, don't worry, the lumps will gel together when the pudding cools. When pudding is thick enough for a bite-size clump to cling to the spoon, turn off heat and remove pot from cooking surface. Stir in oleo and vanilla. Allow to cool while you prepare the next steps. Line a large salad bowl with vanilla wafers (looks great in a glass bowl). Pour half of the pudding on top of these wafers. Slice one banana over the top of the pudding. With divide remaining vanilla wafers in half. Use one half on top of the banana slices. Pour most of the rest of the pudding on top of the vanilla wafers. Slice the second banana over the top of this layer of pudding. Any leftover pudding should be spread over the tops of the bananas. When you put warm pudding on both sides of the banana, the banana slices will keep for **24 hours** before turning brown. If air can touch one side of the banana, it begins to turn dark on the first day. Place remaining vanilla wafers over pudding/banana slices. Serve warm or cold.

#### Microwave version

No time to stand over the stove stirring the pudding? Use your microwave oven. Mix your ingredients in a microwave-proof bowl that has a lid (steaming rather than open top cooking is important for microwaving puddings and pie fillings).

Stir together the dry ingredients (flour, sugar, and salt). Add the eggs one at a time. Add the milk a little at a time, making first a paste and then a thin liquid. Reserve the vanilla and butter or oleo-margarine until cooking is complete.

Cook the milky liquid in the micro-wave safe bowl with the lid on for **3 minutes** at one-half power.

To change the power setting on most microwaves, set the cook time then find the "Power" button and change the setting to 50% or half of the highest number - i.e. 5 if your microwave's highest temperature is 9.

Carefully remove the pudding from the microwave and vent the steam by cracking the lid on the side that is farther from your face to avoid steam burning your nostrils when you start back from the heat. Stir the partially cooked pudding. Recover and heat again for **3 minutes**, this time on 75% power. Repeat the venting and stirring. Recover and heat again for **3 minutes** on high heat. Vent and stir. You should have a nice, thick pudding that holds its shape a little when you drop some from the spoon back into the bowl. If it is a little lumpy, that's okay. If your pudding is still pretty thin, cook one more time on high for **2-3 minutes**. If you are making a double batch, don't increase the length of the cook times, just keep zapping it **3 minutes** at a time until the full bowl is cooked. The longer your cook time (**4 or 5 minutes** instead of **3 minutes**), the more likely you are to get big lumps of dough in a thin paste rather than a smooth pudding.

Continue the rest of the directions in the stove-top version above to make your layered pudding. (Cookies, pudding, banana, cookies, pudding, banana, pudding, cookies or however you prefer to layer it.)



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## Banana Pudding

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Ingredients

1/3 cup flour  
2/3 cup sugar  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
2 eggs

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### Banana Pudding

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### Chocolate Peanut Butter Buttercream

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This frosting has no business being this good.

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### Chocolate Pie

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Family heirloom recipe. First time Mom took it to Chatfield Thanksgiving. Grandpa recommended Dad should "marry that girl!" (He did.) Chambers family have disputes over stovetop versus microwave, but it must be meringue NOT cool whip.

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# Recipes

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## Banana Pudding

*12 servings*

*Total time: 1hr*

## Chocolate Peanut Butter Buttercream

## Chocolate Pie

*10 servings*

*Total time: 1.5hr*

# Ingredients

---

All-purpose flour

Brown sugar

Milk (whole)

Eggs

Vanilla extract

Margarine

Salt

Granulated sugar

Evaporated milk

Egg yolks

Bananas

Nilla wafers

# Recipes

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spread (brands include  
Imperial, Parkay, etc.)  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
2 bananas  
1 box Nilla Vanilla wafers

# Ingredients

All-purpose flour

Salt

Granulated sugar

Milk (whole)

Eggs

Vanilla extract

Bananas

Margarine

Nilla wafers

# Parse standard grammars

# Large Language Model

This is a recipe. What are the ingredients as a list?

Banana Pudding

1/3 cup flour  
2/3 cup sugar  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
2 eggs  
...

Sure! Here are the ingredients for Banana Pudding:

- Flour
- Sugar
- Salt
- Eggs
- Milk
- Margarine (or vegetable spread)
- Vanilla extract
- Bananas
- Nilla Vanilla wafers (vanilla-flavored cookies)

# Large Language Model

This is a recipe. Return standardized ingredients as **valid JSON in the format: { "ingredients": [] }**

Banana Pudding

1/3 cup flour  
2/3 cup sugar  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
2 eggs

...

```
{  
  "ingredients": [  
    "All-purpose flour",  
    "Granulated sugar",  
    "Salt",  
    "Eggs",  
    "Milk (whole)",  
    "Margarine",  
    "Vanilla extract",  
    "Bananas",  
    "Nilla wafers"  
  ]  
}
```



# JSON.parse(

```
{  
  "ingredients": [  
    "All-purpose flour",  
    "Granulated sugar",  
    "Salt",  
    "Eggs",  
    "Milk (whole)",  
    "Margarine",  
    "Vanilla extract",  
    "Bananas",  
    "Nilla wafers"  
  ]  
}
```

)

All-purpose flour

Salt

Granulated sugar

Milk (whole)

Eggs

Vanilla extract

Bananas

Margarine

Nilla wafers



# JSON.parse



# JSON Grammar

---

```
{  
  "ingredients": [  
    "All-purpose flour",  
    "Granulated sugar",  
    "Salt",  
    "Eggs",  
    "Milk",  
    "Margarine",  
    "Vanilla extract",  
    "Bananas",  
    "Nilla wafers"  
  ]  
}
```

**<json>** ::= **<element>**

**<element>** ::= **<space>?** **<value>** **<space>?**

**<value>** ::=

**<object>**

**<array>**

**<string>**

**<number>**

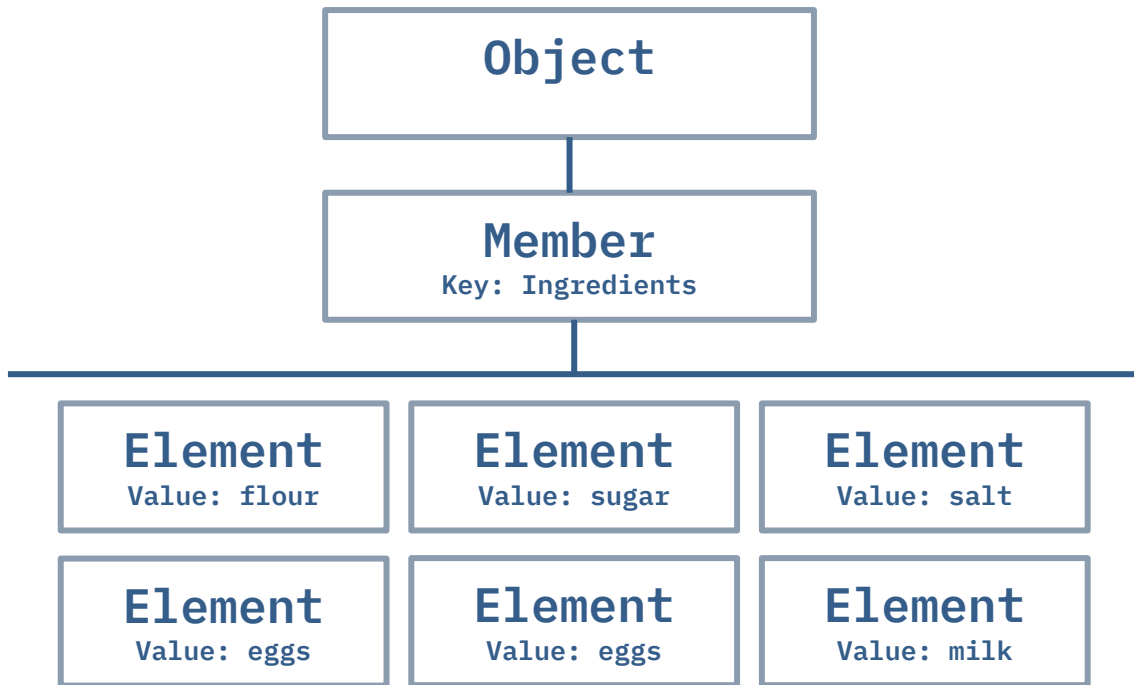
**"true"**

**"false"**

**"null"**

# Abstract Syntax Tree (AST)

```
{  
  "ingredients": [  
    "All-purpose flour",  
    "Granulated sugar",  
    "Salt",  
    "Eggs",  
    "Milk",  
    "Margarine",  
    "Vanilla extract",  
    "Bananas",  
    "Nilla wafers"  
  ]  
}
```



# astexplorer.net

AST Explorer

```
1 {
2   "ingredients": [
3     "flour",
4     "sugar",
5     "salt",
6     "eggs",
7     "milk",
8     "oleo (margarine) also known as vegetable spread (brands include Imperial, Parkay, etc.)",
9     "vanilla extract",
10    "bananas",
11    "Nilla Vanilla wafers"
12  ]
13 }
14
```

Tree JSON

☒ Autofocus ☒ Hide methods ☐ Hide empty keys ☐ Hide location data ☐ Hide type

```
- Object {
  type: "Object"
  - children: [
    - Property {
      type: "Property"
      - key: Identifier {
        type: "Identifier"
        value: "ingredients"
        raw: "\"ingredients\""
        + loc: {start, end, source}
      }
      - value: Array {
        type: "Array"
        - children: [
          - Literal {
            type: "Literal"
            value: "flour"
            raw: "\"flour\""
            + loc: {start, end, source}
          }
          - Literal = $node {
            type: "Literal"
            value: "sugar"
            raw: "\"sugar\""
            + loc: {start, end, source}
          }
          + Literal {type, value, raw, loc}
          + Literal {type, value, raw, loc}
          + Literal {type, value, raw, loc}
          + Literal {type, value, raw, loc}
          + Literal {type, value, raw, loc}
          + Literal {type, value, raw, loc}
          + Literal {type, value, raw, loc}
        ]
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

# astexplorer.net

AST Explorer Snippet JSON </> jsonToAst Transform default ?

```
1 { "ingredients": [ "flour", "sugar", "salt", "eggs", "milk", "oleo (margarine) also known as vegetable
```

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      - children: [
        - Literal {
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          value: "flour"
          raw: "\"flour\""
          + loc: {start, end, source}
        }
        - Literal = $node {
          type: "Literal"
          value: "sugar"
          raw: "\"sugar\""
          + loc: {start, end, source}
        }
        + Literal {type, value, raw, loc}
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        + Literal {type, value, raw, loc}
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        + Literal {type, value, raw, loc}
        + Literal {type, value, raw, loc}
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

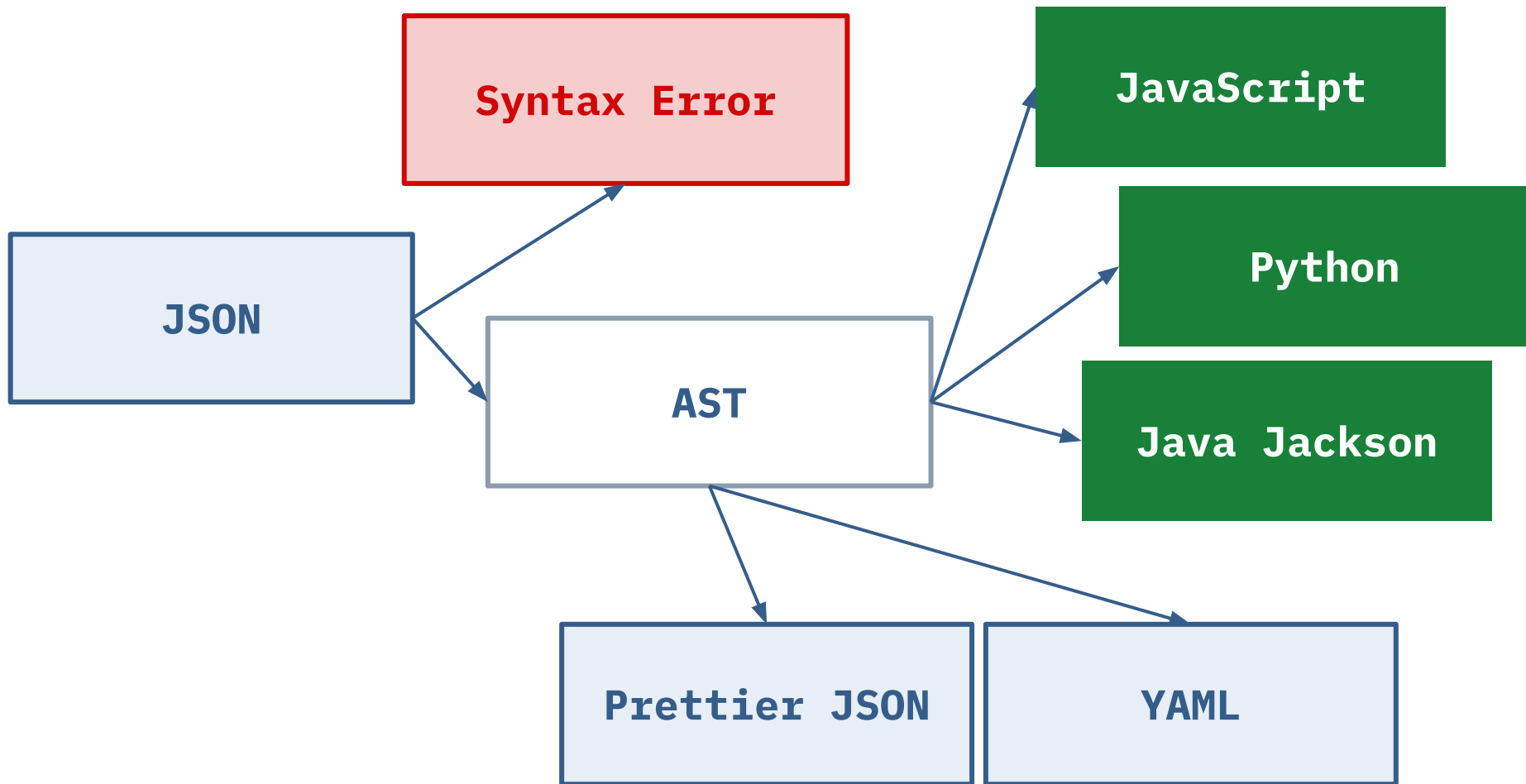
# astexplorer.net

AST Explorer Snippet JSON </> jsonToAst Transform default ?

1 { "ingredients": [ "flour", "sugar", "oleo (margarine) also known as vegetable" ] }

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  - type: "Array"
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Generate ingredients as  
JSON

## Banana Pudding

*12 servings*

*Total time: 1hr*

- 1/3 cup flour
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups milk
- 2 Tablespoons oleo (margarine)  
also known as vegetable  
spread (brands include  
Imperial, Parkay, etc.)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 bananas
- 1 box Nilla Vanilla wafers

## Large Language Model

```
{  
  "ingredients": [  
    "All-purpose flour",  
    "Granulated sugar",  
    "Salt",  
    "Eggs",  
    "Milk (whole)",  
    "Margarine (oleo)",  
    "Vanilla extract",  
    "Bananas",  
    "Nilla vanilla wafers"  
  ]  
}
```





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2 bananas  
1 box Nilla Vanilla wafers

All-purpose flour

Salt

Granulated sugar

Milk (whole)

Eggs

Vanilla extract

Bananas

Margarine

Nilla wafers

Update knowledge graph

# Banana Pudding

12 servings  
Total time: 1hr

All-purpose flour

Salt

Granulated sugar

Milk (whole)

Eggs

Vanilla extract

Bananas

Margarine

Nilla wafers

**Parsers convert structured text into well-defined values.**

# Should I parse?

If you expect the LLM to provide **structured data** rather than raw text.

# Post-process for reliability

# Ingredients

---

All-purpose flour

Salt

Bread flour

Granulated sugar

Milk (whole)

Brown sugar

Eggs

Chocolate chips

Vanilla extract

Bananas

Margarine

Nilla wafers

# Ingredients

---

Refined sugar

Table sugar

White sugar

Sugar

All-purpose flour

Bread flour

Milk (whole)

Eggs

Vanilla extract

Margarine

Salt

Granulated sugar

Brown sugar

Chocolate chips

Bananas

Nilla wafers

# Large Language Model

This is a recipe. Return standardized ingredients as valid JSON in the format: { "ingredients": [] }.

**You know about the following standard ingredients. If an ingredient is not on this list, you may propose a new one, using the most generic name.**

```
[  
  "All-purpose flour",  
  "Bread flour",  
  "Brown sugar",  
  "Granulated sugar",  
  ...  
]
```

Banana Pudding

```
1/3 cup flour  
2/3 cup sugar  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
2 eggs  
...
```





```
{  
  "ingredients": [  
    "All-purpose flour",  
    "Granulated sugar",  
    "Salt",  
    "Eggs",  
    "Milk (whole)",  
    "Margarine",  
    "Vanilla extract",  
    "Bananas",  
    "Nilla wafers"  
  ]  
}
```

All-purpose flour

Salt

Granulated sugar

Milk (whole)

Eggs

Vanilla extract

Bananas

Margarine

Nilla wafers

```
{  
  "ingredients": [  
    "All-purpose flour",  
    "Granulated sugar",  
    "Salt",  
    "Eggs",  
    "Milk",  
    "Margarine",  
    "Vanilla extract",  
    "Bananas",  
    "Nilla wafers"  
  ]  
}
```

Milk

All-purpose flour

Salt

Granulated sugar

Milk (whole)

Eggs

Vanilla extract

Bananas

Margarine

Nilla wafers



```
{  
  "ingredients": [  
    "All-purpose flour",  
    "Granulated sugar",  
    "Salt",  
    "Eggs",  
    "Milk (whole)",  
    "Margarine (oleo)",  
    "Vanilla extract",  
    "Bananas",  
    "Nilla vanilla wafers"  
  ]  
}
```

Margarine (oleo)

All-purpose flour

Milk (whole)

Eggs

Vanilla extract

Margarine

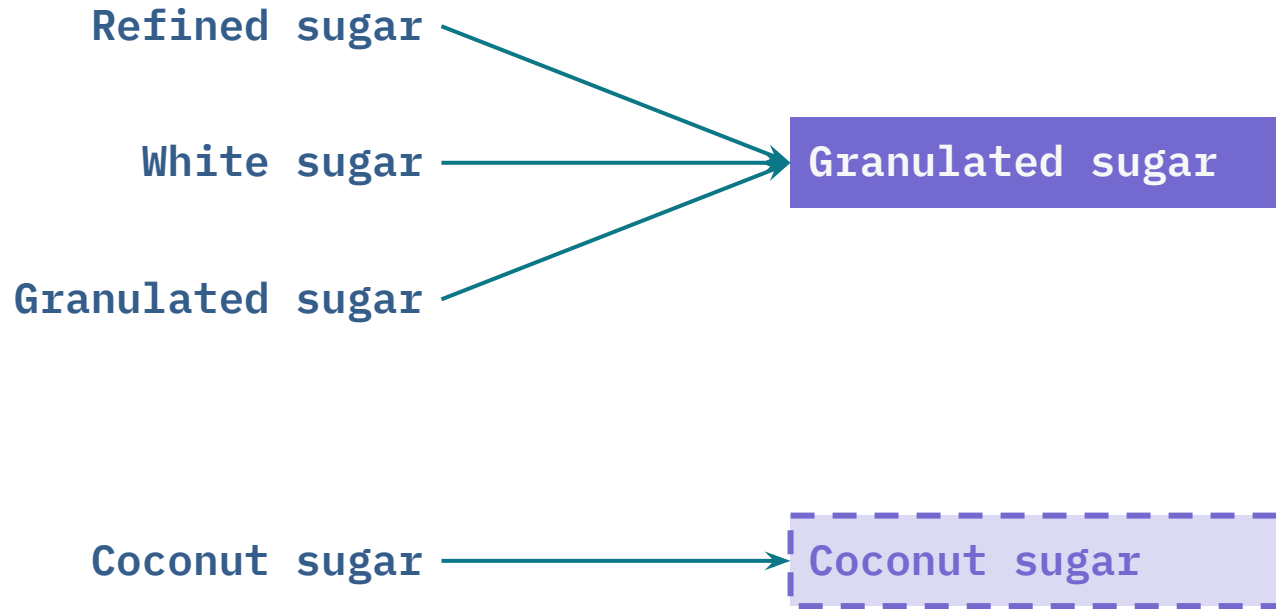
Nilla vanilla wafers

Salt

Granulated sugar

Bananas

Nilla wafers



**Post-processing reliably increases the  
“good enough” target size.**

# Should I prompt or post-process?

Prompt for main use case.

Post-process for **edge cases and known issues.**

# Craft domain-specific grammars

# Chocolate Pie

8 servings

**Meringue (below Filling)**

**Filling**

- 1 cup sugar
- 3 Tablespoons Argo cornstarch
- 2 level Tablespoons Hershey's cocoa
- 1 regular size can Pet evaporated milk (12 oz.)
- 1 cup water
- 3 egg yolks
- 1 Tablespoon vanilla
- 2 Tablespoons oleo or margarine (firm vegetable oil product)

**Meringue**

- 3 egg whites (left from when you separated the eggs for the pie filling)
- 6 Tablespoons white sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar



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6 Tablespoons white sugar

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"Evaporated milk"



```
{  
  "name": "Evaporated milk",  
  "substitutions": [  
    "Milk (whole)"  
  ],  
  "brands": ["Pet"],  
  "create": true  
}
```

# Large Language Model

This is a recipe. Return standardized ingredients without measurements as valid JSON in the format:

```
{
  "ingredients": [
    { "name": "", "create": false, "substitutions": [], "brands": [] }
  ]
}
```

```
{
  "ingredients": [
    { "name": "Granulated sugar", "create": false, "substitutions": [], "brands": [] },
    { "name": "Cornstarch", "create": true, "substitutions": [], "brands": ["Argo"] },
    { "name": "Cocoa", "create": true, "substitutions": [], "brands": ["Hershey's"] },
    { "name": "Evaporated milk", "create": false, "substitutions": ["Milk (whole)", "brands": ["Pet"] },
    { "name": "Egg yolks", "create": false, "substitutions": [], "brands": [] },
    { "name": "Vanilla extract", "create": false, "substitutions": [], "brands": [] },
    { "name": "Margarine", "create": false, "substitutions": ["Butter"], "brands": [] },
    { "name": "Egg whites", "create": true, "substitutions": [], "brands": [] },
    { "name": "Cream of tartar", "create": true, "substitutions": [], "brands": [] }
  ]
}
```

```

{ "ingredients":
  [
    { "name": "Granulated sugar", "create": false, "substitutions": [], "brands": [] },
    { "name": "Cornstarch", "create": true, "substitutions": [], "brands": ["Argo"] },
    { "name": "Cocoa", "create": true, "substitutions": [], "brands": ["Hershey's"] },
    {
      "name": "Evaporated milk",
      "create": false,
      "substitutions": ["Milk (whole)"],
      "brands": ["Pet"]
    },
    {
      "name": "Egg yolks", "create": false, "substitutions": [], "brands": [] },
    { "name": "Vanilla extract", "create": false, "substitutions": [], "brands": [] },
    { "name": "Margarine", "create": false, "substitutions": ["Butter"], "brands": [] },
    { "name": "Egg whites", "create": true, "substitutions": [], "brands": [] },
    { "name": "Cream of tartar", "create": true, "substitutions": [], "brands": [] }
  ]
}

```

Granulated sugar

! Cornstarch | [Argo]

! Cocoa | [Hershey's]

Evaporated milk | <Milk (whole)> [Pet]

Egg yolks

Vanilla extract

Margarine | <Butter>

! Egg whites

! Cream of tartar



# Custom Grammar

```
Granulated sugar
! Cornstarch | [Argo]
! Cocoa | [Hershey's]
Evaporated milk | <Milk (whole)> [Pet]
Egg yolks
Vanilla extract
Margarine | <Butter>
! Egg whites
! Cream of tartar
```

```
<ingredients> ::=
    <ingredient> (<newline> <ingredient>)*

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    <create>? <phrase> ("|" <config>)?

<create>      ::= "!"

<config>      ::= <substitution>* <brand>*
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<brand>       ::= "[" <phrase> "]"
```



# Large Language Model

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These ingredients already exist:

```
All-purpose flour | <Whole-wheat flour> [King Arthur Baking]
Bread flour | [King Arthur Baking]
Brown sugar
Granulated sugar
Milk (whole)
...
```

# customParser.parse(

```
Granulated sugar  
! Cornstarch | [Argo]  
! Cocoa | [Hershey's]  
Evaporated milk | <Milk (whole)>  
[Pet]  
Egg yolks  
Vanilla extract  
Margarine | <Butter>  
! Egg whites  
! Cream of tartar
```

)

Cocoa

Egg whites

Cornstarch

Cream of tartar

Granulated sugar

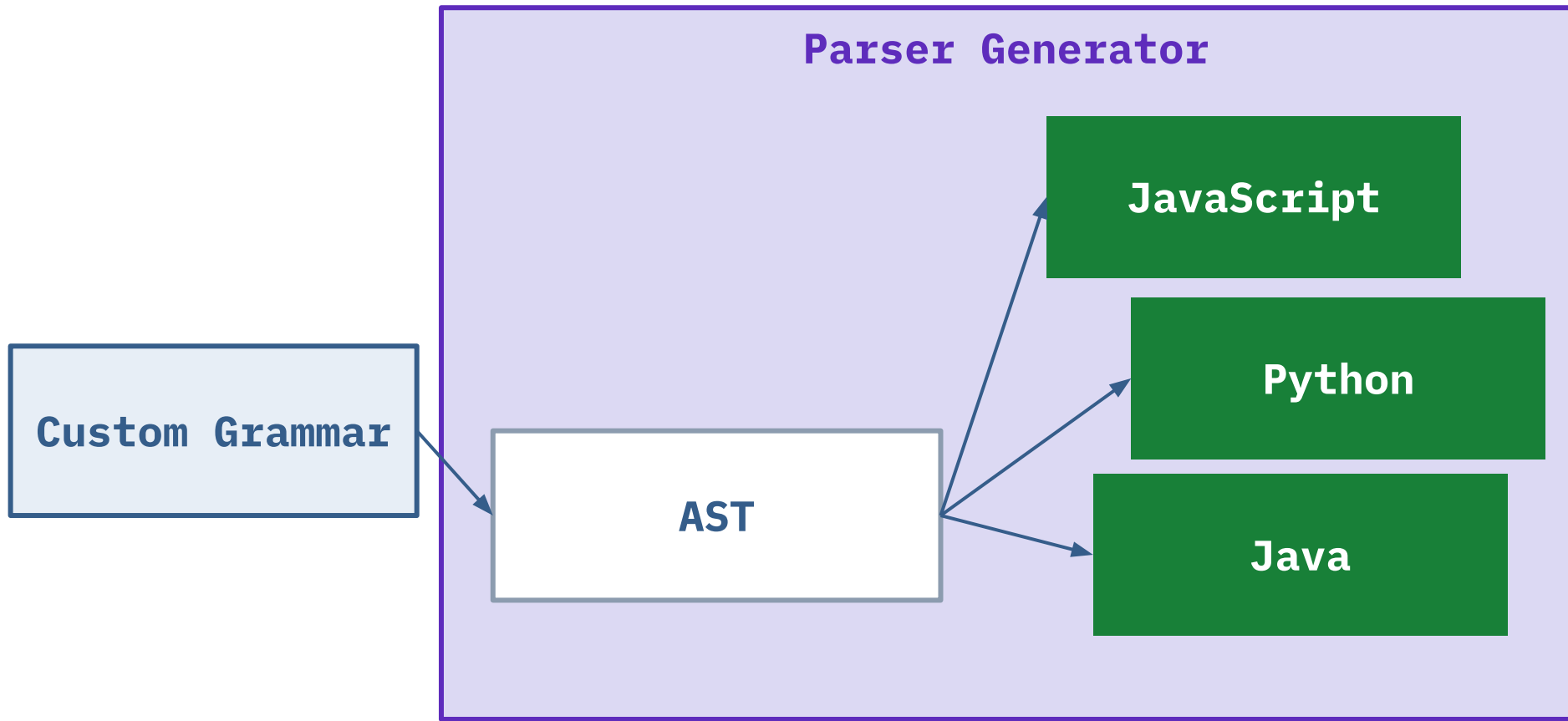
Evaporated milk

Egg yolks

Vanilla extract

Margarine





Generate ingredients with  
custom grammar

## Chocolate Pie

8 servings

Meringue (below Filling)

Filling

1 cup sugar

3 Tablespoons Argo cornstarch

2 level Tablespoons Hershey's  
cocoa

1 regular size can Pet

evaporated milk (12 oz.)

1 cup water

3 egg yolks

1 Tablespoon vanilla

...

## Large Language Model

Granulated sugar

! Cornstarch | [Argo]

! Cocoa | [Hershey's]

Evaporated milk | <Milk (whole)> [Pet]

Egg yolks

Vanilla extract

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! Cream of tartar



Parse custom grammar

# Chocolate Pie

8 servings

Hershey's

Argo

Pet

Cocoa

Egg whites

Butter

Milk (whole)

Vanilla extract

Margarine

Cornstarch

Cream of tartar

Sugar

Evaporated milk

Egg yolks



Post-process & validate

# Chocolate Pie

8 servings

Hershey's

Argo

Pet

Cocoa

Egg whites

Butter

Milk (whole)

Vanilla extract

Margarine

Cornstarch

Cream of tartar

Granulated sugar

Evaporated milk

Egg yolks

Update knowledge graph

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Hershey's

Argo

Pet

Cocoa

Egg whites

Butter

Milk (whole)

Vanilla extract

Margarine

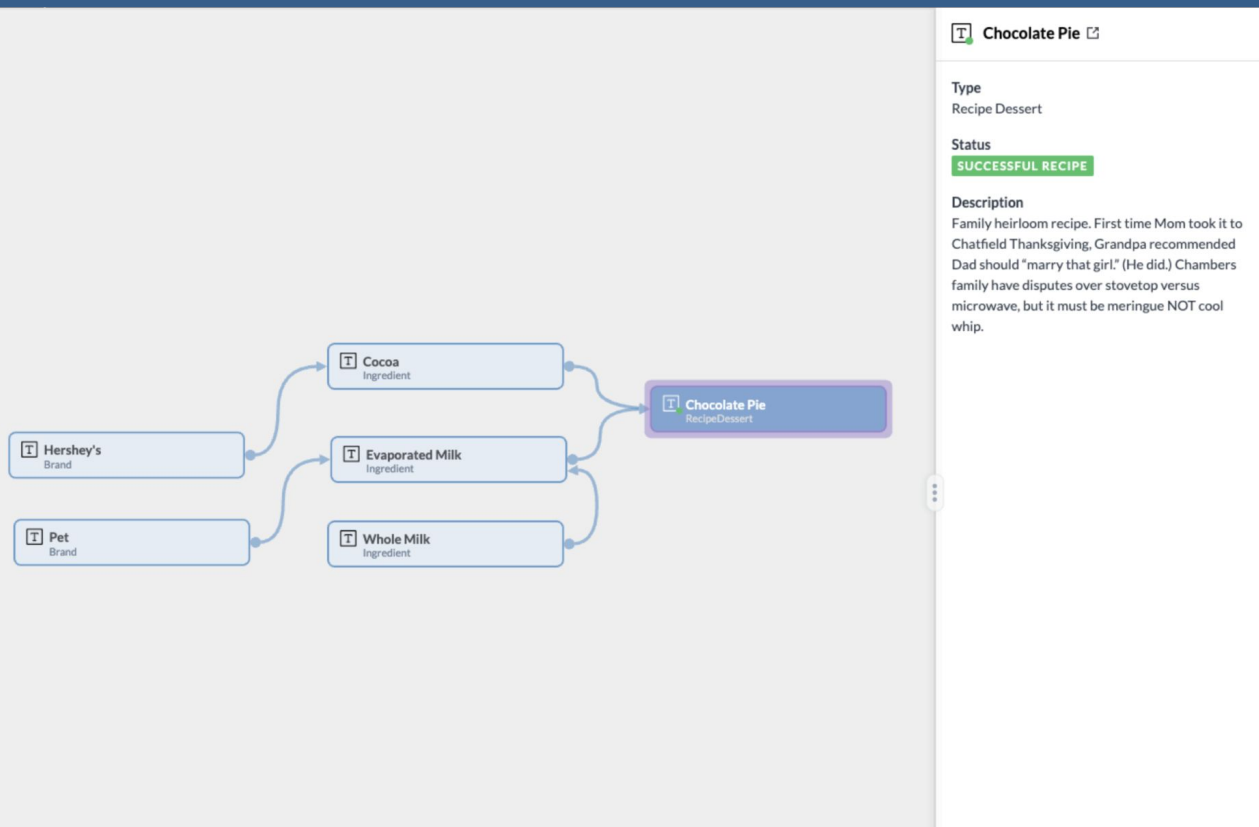
Cornstarch

Cream of tartar

Granulated sugar

Evaporated milk

Egg yolks





Domain-specific grammars can be more  
**precise *and* concise.**

# Should I write a custom grammar?

If your domain is **difficult to model** with standard formats or requires **precise** and **complex syntax**.

# Optimize grammars for LLM cooperation

## Filters

Advanced · Collapse all

2 results

Turn off Archie Bot

## RESULTS

☐ Include all community results (2)

## RESOURCE TYPE

☐ Table (2)

## OWNER

(1)

☒ monopoly-inc (2)

## STATUS

☐ approved (2)

## TAG

☐ inventory (1)☐ product (1)

## COLLECTION

☐ Products (1)☐ Snowflake Nightowl DB (2)

## CLASSIFICATION

☐ Internal Data (4)

## DATA ACCURACY

☐ 100% (2)

## Search with Archie Bot

BETA

## ACTIVE SEARCH

Clear all

Popularity: (Popular OR Extremely Popular) ×

Resource Type: Table ×

Migration Status: Not Migrating ×

Did Archie Bot interpret your search correctly?



## INVEN\_STATUS

monopoly-inc/NIGHTOWL\_DB/INVEN\_STATUS

This table contains all records for product inventory status. Product inventory refers to products in your inventory and does not include inventory units for use in...

Table in DDW Snowflake Nightowl DB

Bookmark



## INVEN\_PRODINVENTORY

monopoly-inc/NIGHTOWL\_DB/INVEN\_PRODINVENTORY

This table contains all records for product inventory. Product inventory refers to products in your inventory and does not include inventory units for use in...

Table in DDW Snowflake Nightowl DB

Tagged inventory, product

Bookmark



**status**

**Approved**

**Deprecated**

**Pending**

**meta\_Popularity**

**Unpopular**

**Popular**

**Extremely Popular**

**meta\_Sensitivity**

**PII**

**PCI**

**PIFI**

**has**

**status**

**meta\_Popularity**

**meta\_Sensitivity**

status

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Pending

metadata

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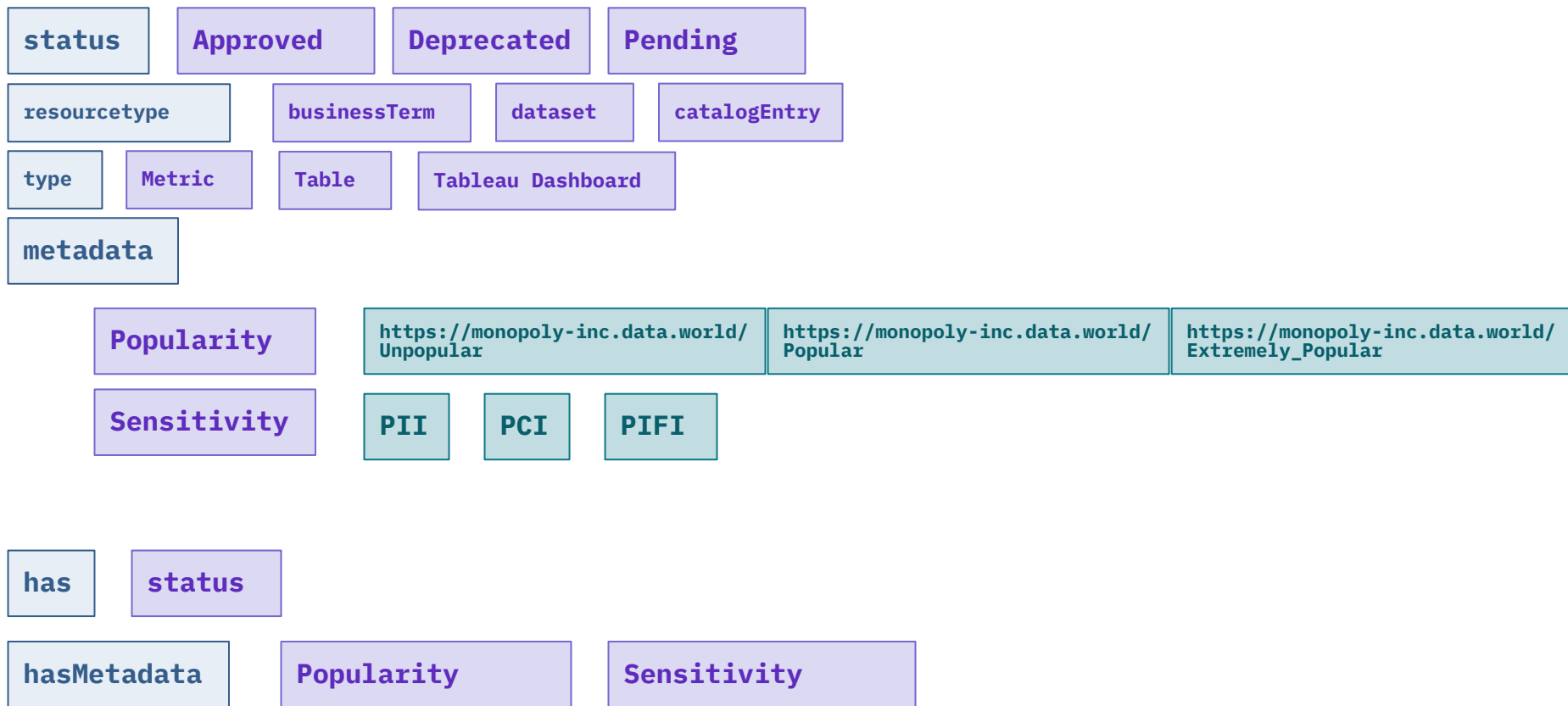
hasMetadata

Popularity

Sensitivity



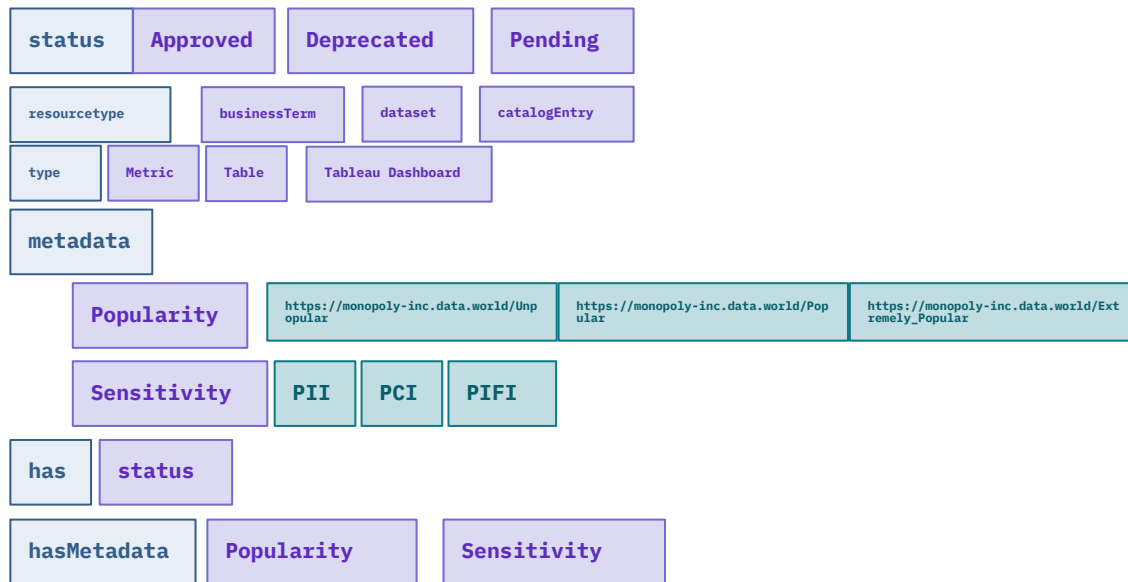




# Large Language Model

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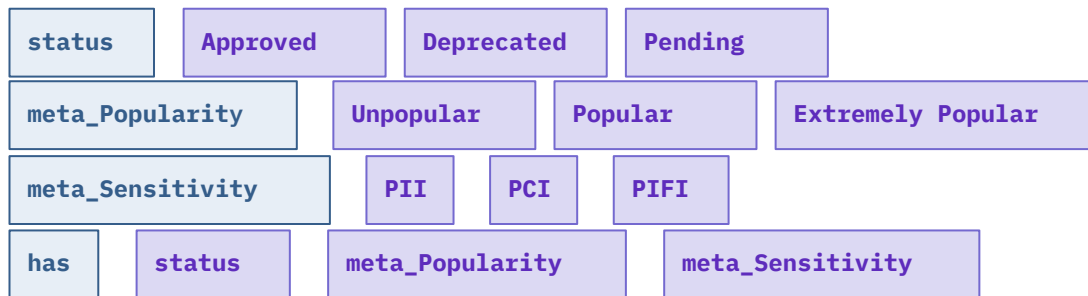
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Generate intermediary  
grammar

Popular tables without  
any kind of status

## *Large Language Model*

```
type:"table"
```

```
AND meta_Popularity:"Popular"
```

```
AND NOT (has:"meta_MigrationStatus"  
          OR has:"status")
```



Parse

Popular tables without  
any kind of status

type:"table"

AND

meta\_Popularity:"Popular"

AND NOT

has:"meta\_MigrationStatus"

OR

has:"status"



Translate to standard  
grammar

Popular tables without  
any kind of status

type:"table"

AND

metadata	:	"	Popularity	:	<a href="https://monopoly-inc.data.world/Popular">https://monopoly-inc.data.world/ Popular</a>	"
----------	---	---	------------	---	--	---

AND NOT

hasMetadata	:	"	Popularity	"
-------------	---	---	------------	---

OR

has:"status"



**Work with the LLM by engineering a grammar according to its response patterns.**

# Should I fine-tune a model on my grammar?

Only if the standard  
model fails when  
prompted with **a subset**  
or **simpler grammar**.



# Support multiple languages with post-processing

Share 2

Archie: Employees per... x employee x location x

location

Query Open in app

#	location_id	name	open_date	address	city	state
1	1	Old Center Forest	2019-09-09	93402 Hand Passage Suite 522	Las Vegas	TX
2	2	Financial Quarter Avenue	2017-09-25	74641 Boyle Alley Apt. 414	Warner Robins	TX
3	3	Center Forest Avenue	2022-11-29	445 Haylee Prairie Apt. 278	Danville	TX
4	4	East Commercial Downtown	2015-05-16	1321 Terry Trafficway Apt. 720	Lakeville	TX
5	5	North South Lake Hills	2020-08-23	303 Eddie Dale Suite 408	Overland Park	TX
6	6	Great City Village	2019-05-12	87571 Watson Mountains Suite 057	San Buenaventura (Ventura)	TX
7	7	University New Park	2017-09-08	632 Kertzmann Radial Suite 937	Hemet	TX
8	8	West Forest District	2018-12-25	062 Parisian Crossroad Apt. 320	Chesterfield	TX
9	9	West Park	2017-03-24	246 Akeem Junction Suite 776	Lakeville	TX
10	10	Financial Midtown	2022-10-16	99758 Beier Ways Apt. 318	Sunrise	TX

ABOUT THIS TABLE Edit

Sync now

Source

Postgres by The Roost Roastery

Last Sync

Live connection

Owner

The Roost Roastery

Created

4 months ago

Description

Add a description

Displaying 11 columns, 10 rows in table location

TABLE COLUMNS

# location\_id

name

open\_date

address

city

state

zip\_code

**data.world SQL**

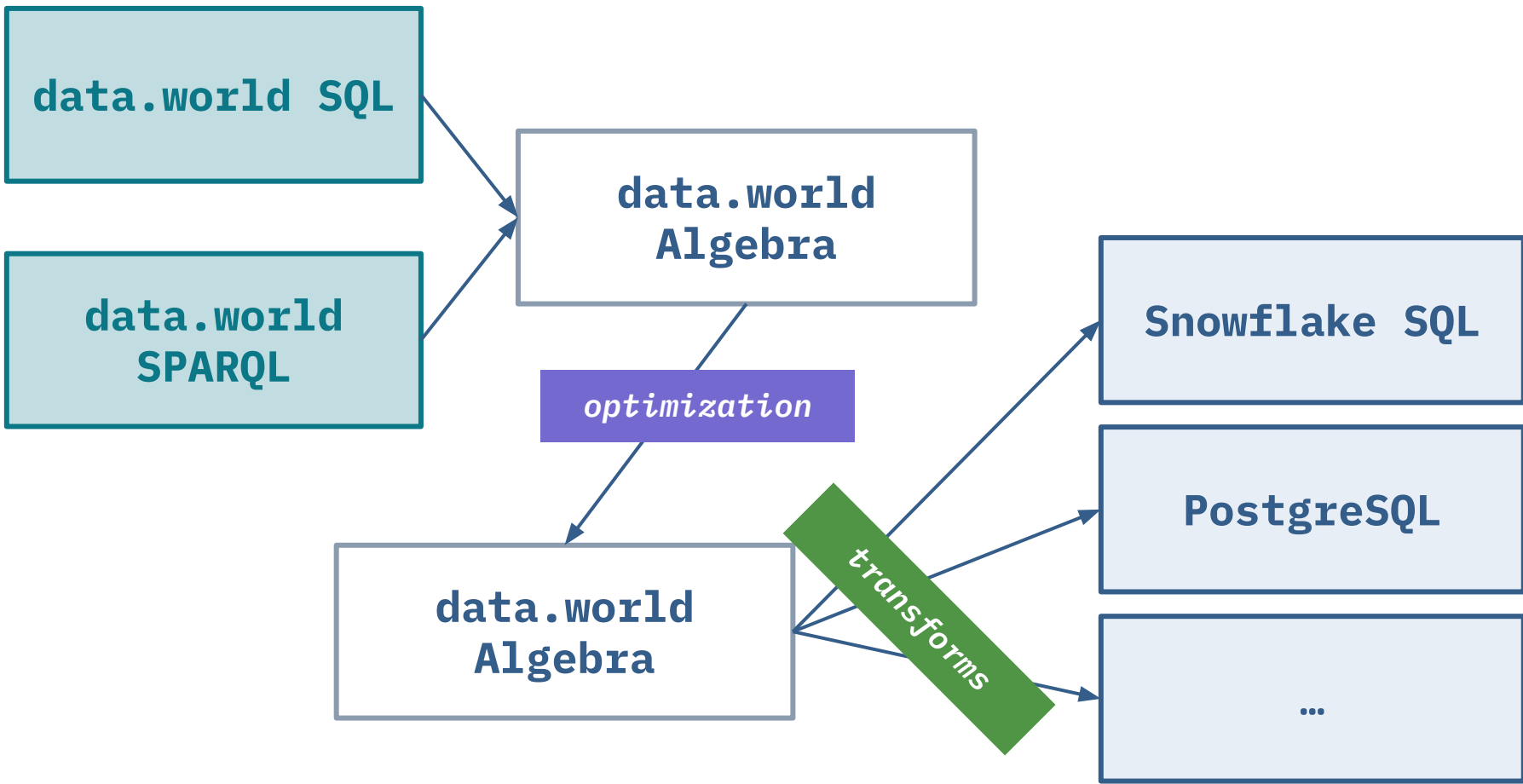
**data.world  
SPARQL**

**data.world  
Algebra**

**Snowflake SQL**

**PostgreSQL**

...



## *ExpressionRules.scala*

```
// Rewrite constant value expressions to the equivalent constant.  
//   SELECT * FROM Foo WHERE  $x > (2 + 2)$   
//       ↓  
//   SELECT * FROM Foo WHERE  $x > 4$ 
```

## *JoinRules.scala*

```
// Rewrite joins that are filtered into inner joins on those values.  
//   SELECT * from Foo, Bar where Foo.baz = Bar.barangus  
//       ↓  
//   SELECT * from Foo join Bar on Foo.baz = Bar.barangus
```

## *DateSubToDateAddFixer.scala*

```
// If a datasource implements DATE_ADD but not DATE_SUB,  
// rewrite DATE_SUB in terms of negative DATE_ADD.  
//  
//   DATE_SUB(playerId, x, "days")  
//       ↓  
//   DATE_ADD(playerId, -x, "days")
```

Share

2

Archie: Employees per... x

>\_ SQL

Archie: Employees per location

SHARED

New template

Saved

Run query

⋮

>

1

# Generated from prompt: total number of employees per location, with location name

2

SELECT

3

location.name AS 'Location',

4

COUNT(\*) AS 'Number Employees'

5

FROM employee

6

JOIN location ON employee.primary\_location = location.location\_id

7

GROUP BY location.name

10 query results (0.76 seconds) [View log](#)

Download

Open in app

	Location	#	Number Employees
1	Center Forest Avenue		19
2	East Commercial Downtown		31
3	Financial Midtown		26
4	Financial Quarter Avenue		23
5	Great City Village		16
6	North South Lake Hills		17
7	Old Center Forest		15
8	University New Park		25
9	West Forest District		20
10	West Park		10

DETAILS

VERSIONS

ARCHIE BOT BETA Collapse

Prompt

total number of employees per location, with location name

Generate SQL

Summarize SQL

ABOUT THIS QUERY Edit

Last Updated now

Created 2 months ago

Creator @hgratch

Shared With Project viewers

Type SQL

Description + Add a description

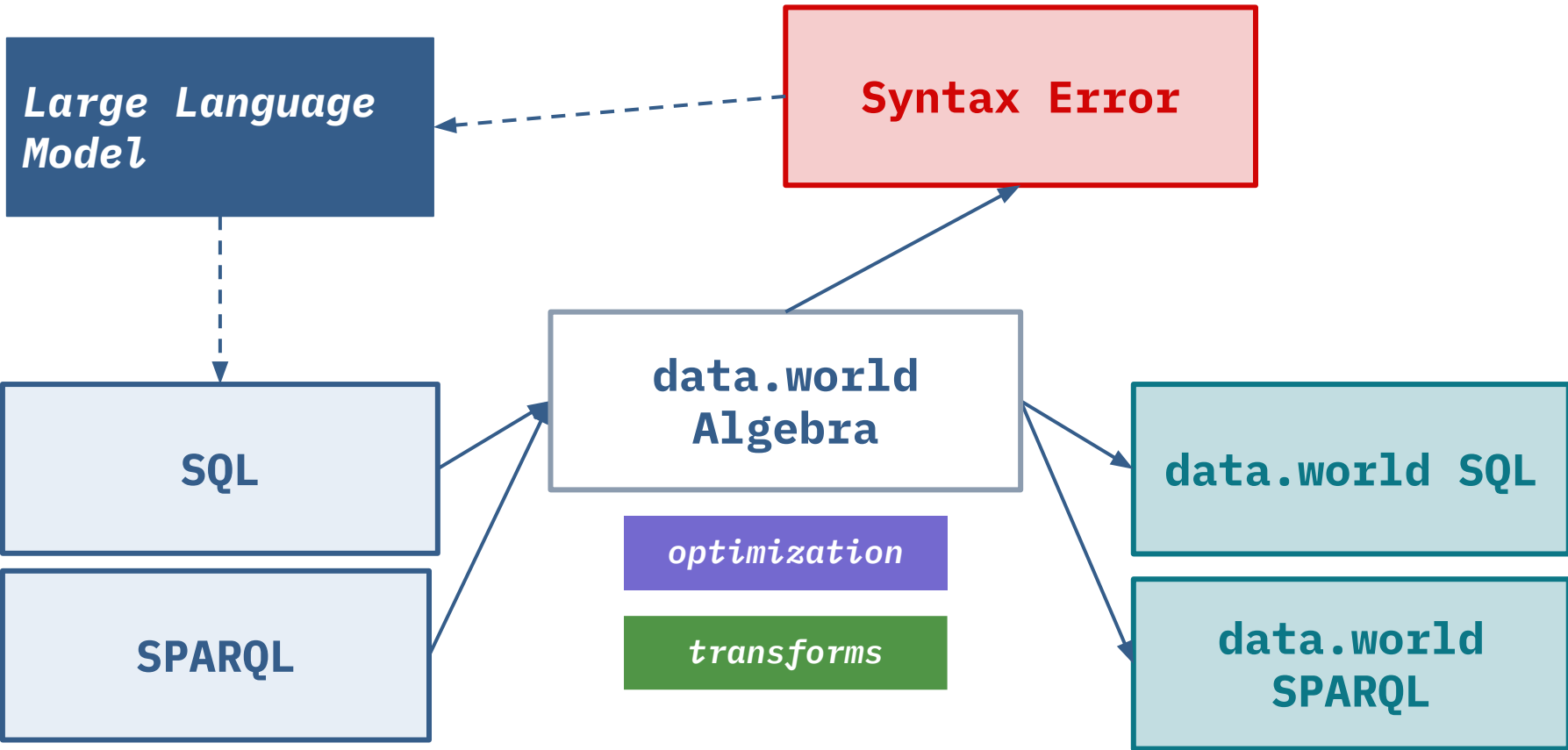
PROJECT SCHEMA

Filter the schema

roost-roastery/Business Questions

customer\_invoice







## *IncorrectQualifierReconciler.scala*

```
// If the LLM hallucinates schema qualifiers, rewrite them against
// the known schema and context.
//
//   SELECT * FROM bad.worse.Bar
//       ↓
//   SELECT * FROM Bar
```

Generate SQL

total number of  
employees per location,  
with location name

## Large Language Model

```
WITH employee_location AS (  
  SELECT  
    e.location_id,  
    l.name AS location_name,  
    COUNT(e.employee_id) AS total_employees  
  FROM  
    employee e  
  JOIN location l ON e.location_id = l.location_id  
  GROUP BY  
    e.location_id,  
    l.name  
)  
SELECT  
  location_id,  
  location_name,  
  total_employees  
FROM  
  employee_location
```

Identify error in query

total number of  
employees per location,  
with location name

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  GROUP BY  
    e.location_id,  
    l.name  
)  
SELECT  
  location_id,  
  location_name,  
  total_employees  
FROM  
  employee_location
```

**employee.location\_id  
does not exist**



Re-generate SQL

total number of  
employees per location,  
with location name

## *Large Language Model*

```
WITH employee_count AS (  
    SELECT l.location_id, l.name AS location_name,  
           COUNT(*) AS total_employees  
    FROM location l  
    JOIN employee e ON l.location_id = e.primary_location  
    GROUP BY l.location_id, l.name  
)  
SELECT location_id, location_name, total_employees  
FROM employee_count
```



Parse and format query

total number of  
employees per location,  
with location name

## Large Language Model

```
WITH employee_count AS (  
  SELECT  
    l.location_id AS `Location Id`,  
    l.name AS `Location Name`,  
    COUNT(*) AS `Total Employees`  
  FROM location AS l  
  JOIN employee AS e  
    ON l.location_id = e.primary_location  
  GROUP BY l.location_id, l.name  
)  
  
SELECT  
  `Location Id`,  
  `Location Name`,  
  `Total Employees`  
FROM employee_count
```



**Parsing into a higher-order AST  
enables multi-lingual translations.**

# Should I target a higher-order AST?

If you need to support multiple languages that **share meanings** but use **different syntax**.

Parse **standard** grammars

Post-process for **reliability**

Craft **domain-specific** grammars

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Optimize grammars for **LLM cooperation**

Support **multiple languages** with post-processing



**Learn less. Parse more.**